

ESSAD PASHA, HIS ARMY DEFEATED, FLEES TO ITALY

Austrians Closing In Around
Durazzo. Not Likely to
Be Defended.

MAY MAKE STAND
TO SAVE AVLONA

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Feb. 25.—Despatches from Rome and Vienna today indicate that the Albanian army under Essad Pasha and the Italian forces at Durazzo may offer resistance to the Austrians and Bulgarians approaching that port. They are trying to delay the drive on Avlona.

The Daily Mail's Berne correspondent reports an unconfirmed rumor that the Italians have evacuated Durazzo.

The Rome correspondent of The Sun telegraphs that Essad Pasha has arrived in Durazzo aboard an Italian destroyer. It is believed he will confer with the Italian chiefs concerning the defense of Avlona.

The Austrian War Office issued the following report today with regard to the operations against Durazzo, now surrounded from all sides:

In Albania yesterday we defeated Italian forces and troops of Essad Pasha near Durazzo and took possession of the last of the enemy positions east of the city. The Italian brigade was driven from its main position east of Durazzo at the same time.

Intrenchments of the enemy at Sano-bano, six miles southeast of Durazzo, were destroyed. The enemy is retreating to the inner line of defenses, pursued by our troops.

GERMANS LOSE HOPE.

Baron von Schenck Leaves Greece.
Probably for Rumania.

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ROME, Feb. 25.—A despatch from Athens says that Baron von Schenck, formerly German Consul at Volos, who has been actively engaged in a propaganda campaign, has gone to Monastir and will probably go to Rumania.

It is said to have been decided to transfer the German propaganda to Greece, when the Greek minister granted an audience to Gen. Sarrahl, the French commander in chief in the Balkans.

GREECE WARNS BULGARIAN.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ATHENS, Feb. 25.—The Greek Government has issued a denial today of the report that the Greek Minister in Sofia had accepted the Premier of Bulgaria that these will remain neutral even if the Bulgarians attack Salonica. The Greek Government has stated that Greece will not take any part in the drive on Salonica.

PORTUGAL TAKES MORE SHIPS.

Eight Steamers in St. Vincent
Requisitioned by Authorities.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A despatch from St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, states that the Portuguese authorities have seized eight German steamships interned in the harbor there.

Despatches say that the thirty-three German and Austrian vessels seized on Wednesday have been requisitioned but not confiscated.

The despatches add that the Government has appropriated another German steamer at Porto. The German steamer, which escaped from the Madeira Islands, has returned.

Despatches state that there are at least twenty German ships in the Central Powers with a total tonnage of 1,000,000 tons. It is understood that these will also be taken over by the Government.

CANFIELD'S PARTNER KILLED.

William Dunn Victim of Bomb in
Hold on Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—William Dunn, one of the partners of the late Dock Canfield of New York, Saratoga and Narragansett, was killed by a bomb dropped in the hold of a ship on January 23. A despatch from London today states that the Central Powers with a total tonnage of 1,000,000 tons. It is understood that these will also be taken over by the Government.

ROME CROWD CHEERS MERCIER

Mons. de "Death to Germans" as
Cardinal Departs for Belgium.

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PARIS, Feb. 25.—Allied diplomats here today said that a large crowd of officers and soldiers yesterday afternoon at the station to see Cardinal Mercier for Belgium. When the Cardinal, who was accompanied by the bishop of the diocese of Liege, departed, the crowd cheered him and waved their flags.

F. A. BYRNE OFF FOR FRONT.

Financial Writer of "The Sun" to
Join British Army.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—F. A. Byrne, who for the past nine years has been associated with the Wall Street Journal, has been accepted by the British War Office for service on the front. He has been assigned to the 1st Canadian Trench Mortar Battalion.

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED.

Crew of Trecarrell Taken Off by
Boatmen.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—A British steamer, the Trecarrell, was wrecked off the coast of Brazil on January 16. The crew of the ship, which was carrying 1,000 tons of cargo, was taken off by boatmen.

NEW JAPANESE PATROL IN INDIAN SEA.

Four Japanese Warships
Now in Indian Ocean.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Four Japanese warships are being sent to the Indian Ocean to patrol the coast of India. The ships are the Japanese Navy Department announced today. The Japanese fleet has been sent to the Mediterranean in un-derstand.

BRITAIN NOT TO BAR AUTO TOURS.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The London Gazette publishes a royal proclamation exempting from import duty motor cars, motor cycles, and motor boats which do not exceed a shilling, and engineers' hand tools used as accessories for motor cars.

FRENCH, NEAR VERDUN, BEGIN COUNTER ATTACK

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Their most advanced line, with unwavering tenacity, and the German attacking again and again in what one Paris newspaper describes as "almost unbelievable fashion."

"Near Malancourt," he says, "the German infantry averaged two men to every yard and they ran towards the French line with their guns could be loaded and fired. It was a pitiful slaughter. The French shells tore through the walls of flesh, but still they came on. They seemed to be fascinated. They did not shout or sing, as often has been done in the past. They just marched toward the French mowing machines."

The villages behind the French front are crowded with reserves awaiting their turn in the combat. Ambulances laden with wounded are passing to the rear. Columns of munitions and supplies are pushing forward by every road, where the new snow is churned into brown slush.

Paris correspondent of the Times says:

"The thoughts of the whole of France are concentrated upon Verdun with much anxiety, but with less apprehension than they were upon the colossal struggle of the Marne. Nobody would be so foolish as to pretend that the furious attacks at the eastern gate do not open a period of intense strain on all sides. The Germans have so much to win from the capture of Verdun that they are willing to go to the bank upon the success or failure of the present offensive."

"All accounts from the front are unanimous in stating that even the tremendous artillery fighting in the Champagne offensive was like setting off a lot of bonfires as compared with the present bombardment which has been going on thunderously through the Hautes de Meuse the past week. The famous 12 inch gun, which has been the mainstay of the Russian front, has been brought from the Russian front to the French front and is being used to bombard the German lines."

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BRITISH ON TIGRIS LAUGH AT PERIL

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Gen. Townshend Asks for
Graphophone Needles—
Is Sure of Victory.

SUPPLIES ARE SUFFICIENT

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.
LONDON, Feb. 25.—The official British correspondent with the army in Mesopotamia telegraphs under date of February 21:

"During the past month there has been a certain amount of patrol work, sniping and, during the night, artillery fire. During the day the enemy's fire has been very ineffectual. We have thrown forward our trenches to within sixty yards of the Turkish position."

"On clear days one can hear the guns from Kut-el-Amara. Cheerful messengers come from Gen. Townshend, commander of the forces there. He is sowing vegetable seeds and has asked for a supply of graphophone needles."

"Needless to say these and other light requisites can be dropped into his camp by aeroplanes. Gen. Townshend reports he has sufficient supplies for a long period to come."

"His division through the last fifteen months of an arduous campaign has come to be regarded as invincible both by our force and even, it seems, by the Turks, who have long ceased their futile and costly attacks on the position."

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FRENCH CANADIANS THREATEN REVOLT

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Law out of the hands of the Separate School Board and appointed a commission to govern them instead. The result of this action was the point blank refusal of French Canadian parents to surrender their schools, clashes with the new commission and near riots with the police. The commission, however, managed to obtain control of the funds of the old board, but this only intensified opposition. The French pupils to the number of 5,000 going on strike and making daily parades of the streets of the city with banners upon which are inscribed "We want to know our mothers' language."

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